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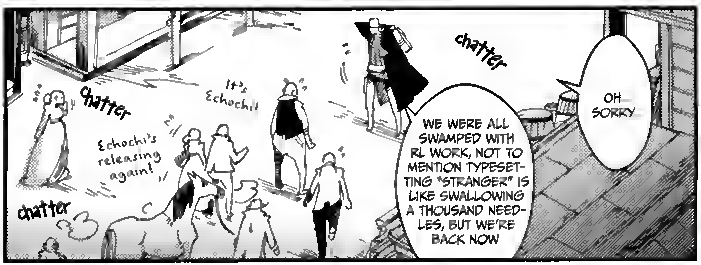
chatter
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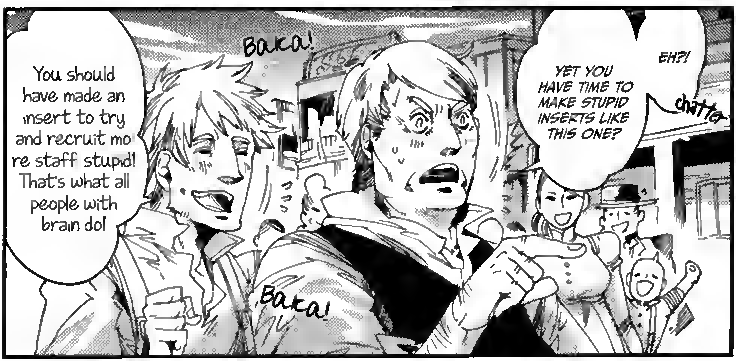
chatter
It's Echochi!!
Echochi's releasing again!!
WE WERE ALL SWAMPED WITH RL WORK, NOT TO MENTION TYPESETTING "STRANGER" IS LIKE SWALLOWING A THOUSAND NEEDLES, BUT WE'RE BACK NOW
OH SORRY


Baka!
You should have made an insert to try and recruit more staff stupid! That's what all people with brain do!
Baka!
EH?!
YET YOU HAVE TIME TO MAKE STUPID INSERTS LIKE THIS ONE?
chatter

Oh, yeah... We could really use a couple ~~masochists~~ typesetters and J->E translators.

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clip-clop
Pant
Pant
clip-clop
Pant
Pant
Pant
clop
POINT
ONCE IN A WHILE
TOO?
York
Pant
Pant
WAIT A MO-MENT!
CAN'T YOU LET ME RIDE THE HORSE
H-HEY
Pant

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Prance
Sigh
I'M SAVED...
?!

who
Osh
AH!
HEY-!
clip-clop
clip-clop
CLIP
CLOP
Hurry up and go!
?!
Stomp
Stomp
Stomp

...
WHAT THE HECK.
HE COULD HAVE AT LEAST
LET ME THANK HIM

Who-a-a!
FRAN?!
WHAT HAPPENED!? IT'S BEEN A WEEK ALREADY!
WE ALL THOUGHT THAT YOU'D DIED IN THE DESERT!
chatter
chatter
chatter
It's the sheriff!
The sheriff is back!
OH... SORRY.
MY HORSE SUDDENLY DIED ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE ESCORT JOB.
yay!
yay!
Getting back in one piece that's our Sheriff for ya!
EH?!
DID YOU WALK ALL THE WAY BACK THEN?!
chatter

Amaz-ing!
As expected, Fran's amazing!
YEAH WELL..
Ugh
AH! THANK-..
I'M A WEEK LATE, BUT HERE ARE THE LETTERS I WAS SUPPOSED TO DELIVER.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? HERE, TAKE IT!
Ah sorry
You'd better take a shower.
You really stink..
Err..
Sorry
SPLASH

That guy probably thought I smelled too.
...!
Splash
Wait a second! He must have been really stinky himself, right?
No...

He smelled like
oily leather and well dried hay
Those people Do they all smell like that?
To begin with
why was he alone...?

!
jolt

sigh
sigh
...
JUMP
scratch
scratch
Damn it.
What kind of dream is that
clink
It's all because I didn't get to say goodbye properly
clatter

that far yet
He shouldn't have gone
A HORSE?!
OH, I DON'T MIND
BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN THE DEAD OF THE NIGHT?
DON'T WORRY
I WON'T GET LOST AGAIN, I'LL BE BACK IN THE MORNING
BUT—
HEY!
Gallop

Stomp
stomp
STOMP
STOMP
!
Wheeze
WHOA, WHOA WHOA!

But, where is he?
Hey, that's his horse.
!
SLIDE
My reflexes have really become dull
swish

H-HEY!
!
I still can't understand him.
Get that thing away from me!
IT'S NOT THAT— I'M JUST—
What, it's you!
Did you get lost again?!
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE, IT'S JUST ME
JUST ME
Or have you brought people to catch me?

Da
?!
Sh
ruffle ruffle
Ta
Da!
THIS IS MY THANKS.
THANK YOU.
...
Thank you?!

sniff sniff
sniff sniff sniff
His expression is becoming strange
sniff sniff sniff
GIVE IT TO ME
DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOT ANYTHING WEIRD
gulp
SEE?

gulp
grab
Hmm
!
Uwaaah...
wow...

...
Well, it's fine, I guess
mun ch
ch!
AH!
yank

snore

It seems
he's actually younger than I originally thought
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

cover
Mnn—
THUD

THWACK
crackle
crackle
What was that just now?
Why did I try to touch him?
It's probably just curiosity, but
gyatch
gyatch
it seems like I've suddenly become attracted to this strange creature

"That" was a misunderstanding.
It's nothing.
Nothing but a passing fancy.

neigh
throb
throb
DON'T WORRY, IT'S JUST A HANG-OVER
I've learnt my lesson
sweet things always have a catch
But...

The "Thank you" was delicious
...
CAN I.. SEE YOU AGAIN?

...
TOTO
tap
!
point

FRAN
FRAN?
TOTO.